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code that expands the link to one or more second segments and plays the one or more segments.

20. A method for playing stored information, comprising:

initiating an access to a data store;

retrieving information comprising one or more segments from the store, wherein each of said segments has a beginning and an end;

causing at least temporary allocation of resources for playing the segments;

fetching an expansion link list, wherein the fetching of the expansion link list occurs concurrently with the retrieving of the segments, wherein at least one segment is associated with one or more links to one or more second segments;

playing said at least one segment;

highlighting at least one expansion cue after the playing of the at least one segment starts;

determining prior to reaching the end if expansion is desired based on whether an expansion cue has been selected;

expanding the link to one or more second segments and playing the one or more segments;

returning play to the original segment after expanding the link to one or more segments and playing the one or more segments;

wherein the information in the one or more segments includes information from a multimedia source;

wherein the information in the one or more segments includes information from a network with support for an internet protocol;

wherein the information in the one or more segments includes information from a broadband network;

responding to a user indicia to expand a link to another segment and playing the segment;

responding to a user indicia to contract a link to another segment;